Media publicity of AAI

635. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the budget of media publicity of Airports Authority of India every year; and

(b) the amount spent by Airports Authority of India on such media publicity during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The budget of the Airports Authority of India for media publicity for the year 2001-2002 was Rs. 7.59 crores.

(b) The amount spent by Airports Authority of India on media publicity during the last three years *i.e.* 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are Rs. 4.52 crores, Rs. 5.04 crores and Rs. 7.24 crores respectively.

Ground handling at airports

636. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether private individuals and Indian Companies are debarred for the ground handling inside the airports; and

(b) whether it is a fact that many companies are supplying manpower to various Airlines for ground handling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir. Airports Authrotiy of India (AAI), Air India, Indian Airlines and Cambata Aviation Private Limited are authorized to do ground handling at airports under the Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2000. Besides, various airlines or their majority holding subsidiary company are authorised to do ground handling of their own flights only on self-handling basis.

(b) Airlines are using the services of Personnel of certain private agencies for providing ground handling services to their flights, who are

required to meet the conditions laid down by the AAI and who are issued with Photo Identity Cards on the recommendation of AAI and Airlines after due scrutiny.

Review of discounts schemes offered by IA

637. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to review all the discounts offered by Indian Airlines under various categories in order to control the mounting losses;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discounts offered at present and its impact on the Indian Airlines finances during the last two years; and

(c) what proposals are being considered to reduce the loss on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In view of the severe financial position of Indian Airlines, Government is reviewing the various discounts being offered by Indian Airlines. A Statement indicating the details of the discounts offered at present and its impact on Indian Airlines during the last two years is enclosed.

Statement

(a) to (c) Concessions offered by Indian Airlines on Domestic Sectors

Name of Discount	% Discount	Annual impact in Crores 2000/2001 (April to March)	Annual impact in Crores 2001/2002 (April to March)
1	2	3	4
Humanitarian Concessions			
Blind Persons	50%	0.08	0.08
Cancer patients	50%	1.02	1
Stretcher		0.33	0.57
Locomotor disability	50%	0.07	0.09
		1.50	1.74